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COMMERCIAL FIRE

3060 Gill Road (Estes Express Lines, Inc)

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 3060 Gill Road, Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 7:58 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy smoke visible from the one-story commercial structure. Fifteen (15) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-seven (37) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Division Chief P. Dix was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 8:21 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be an electrical malfunction at the main circuit breaker panel. Total damage is estimated at \$80,000.00 structure and \$5,000.00 contents.

Fire crews responded to a second fire at this location at 11:04 p.m. The fire was determined to be intentionally set on the front entrance floor. Damage is estimated at \$1,000.00. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 528-CASH (2274) or the State Arson Hotline at 1-800-762-3017. You could be eligible to receive a cash reward from Crime Stoppers of Memphis and Shelby County, Inc.



The Memphis Fire Department urges all citizens to maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. Check smoke alarms once a month and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** on-line at: https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/ or call the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650. Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY issues please dial (901) 458-8281.